

Bill Ferron

From: Bill Ferron
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 3:38 PM
To: Mike Donohue
Cc: Management Committee
Subject: RE: Katiesoft Assignment

Mike,

I tried to stop by a couple times to discuss, but it doesn't look like you are in today. These are my preliminary thoughts:

We took the assignment on basis that it was that or nothing. We were about to write off the amount and noticed the client's suggestion that they might assign to us.

At this point, I don't think we want to put any more money into this in term of extension fees for the OA response or issue fees to get the case allowed..

I'm not really in a position to assess claim coverage or value of any patents that issue. If you think you've got a shot at getting some of the \$50k we had to write-off on this matter, we could look at whether it makes sense to spend money on extension fees for the response and issue fees. Absent a plan and recommendation, it seems like we'd be throwing good money after bad, as the saying goes.

-Bill

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From: Mike Donohue
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 11:55 AM
To: Bill Ferron
Cc: Gabrielle Collier
Subject: Katiesoft Assignment

Hi Bill --

Yesterday we received the signed assignments from Katiesoft and mailed them to the PTO for recordation. As you may recall, we have received a second Office Action in first application and have yet not received any correspondence in the second application.

I need your guidance on the first application. The Examiner indicated that some claims would be allowable in independent form, but I believe that more claims should be allowable. Since the firm now owns the patent applications, I want to know if I should simply accept what the Examiner is offering (i.e., the lowest cost approach) or prepare a response to the Office Action (possible better claim coverage). We need to file a response by January 6, 2002 (month 5 of 6) so I need your input soon.

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